

**Introduced by Senator Florez**January 24, 2005

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An act to amend Section 142263 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 110, as introduced, Florez. Fresno County Transportation Authority.

The Fresno Transportation Improvement Act establishes the Fresno County Transportation Authority, which is authorized to impose a sales tax in Fresno County for up to 30 years for transportation purposes, subject to voter approval. Existing law specifies the wording of the proposition to be presented by the board of supervisors to voters in that regard.

This bill would delete the specific language for the proposition, and instead would require the language presented to the voters to include the nature of the tax to be imposed, the tax rate or maximum tax rate, the period during which the tax will be imposed, and the purposes for which the revenue from the tax will be used. The bill would authorize the board of supervisors to designate an agency to place the matter before the voters of Fresno County.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 142263 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 142263. (a) The board of supervisors, *or its designee*, as part
- 4 of the ballot proposition to approve the imposition of a retail

1 transactions and use tax, shall seek authorization from the  
 2 electors to issue bonds payable solely from the proceeds of the  
 3 tax.

4 (b) The maximum bonded indebtedness which may be  
 5 authorized shall be an amount equal to the sum of the principal  
 6 and interest on the bonds, not to exceed the estimated proceeds of  
 7 the tax, for a period of not more than 30 years. The actual  
 8 wording of the proposition on any short form of ballot card,  
 9 label, or other device, regardless of the system of voting used,  
 10 shall ~~read as follows:~~ *include all of the following:*

- 11 (1) *The nature of the tax to be imposed.*
- 12 (2) *The tax rate or the maximum tax rate.*
- 13 (3) *The period during which the tax will be imposed.*
- 14 (4) *The purposes for which the revenue derived from the tax*  
 15 *will be used.*

FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MEASURE	-	-
— Shall Fresno County voters authorize an extension of up to 30 years of the current one-half percent sales tax to be used in accordance with the Expenditure Plan adopted by the authority to provide countywide transportation improvement which would contribute to increased mobility, less traffic congestion, improved air quality, and increased safety? The authority is authorized to issue	YES	-
bonds payable from the proceeds of that tax and establishes the appropriations limit of the authority in the amount of ____ dollars (\$ ____).	NO	-